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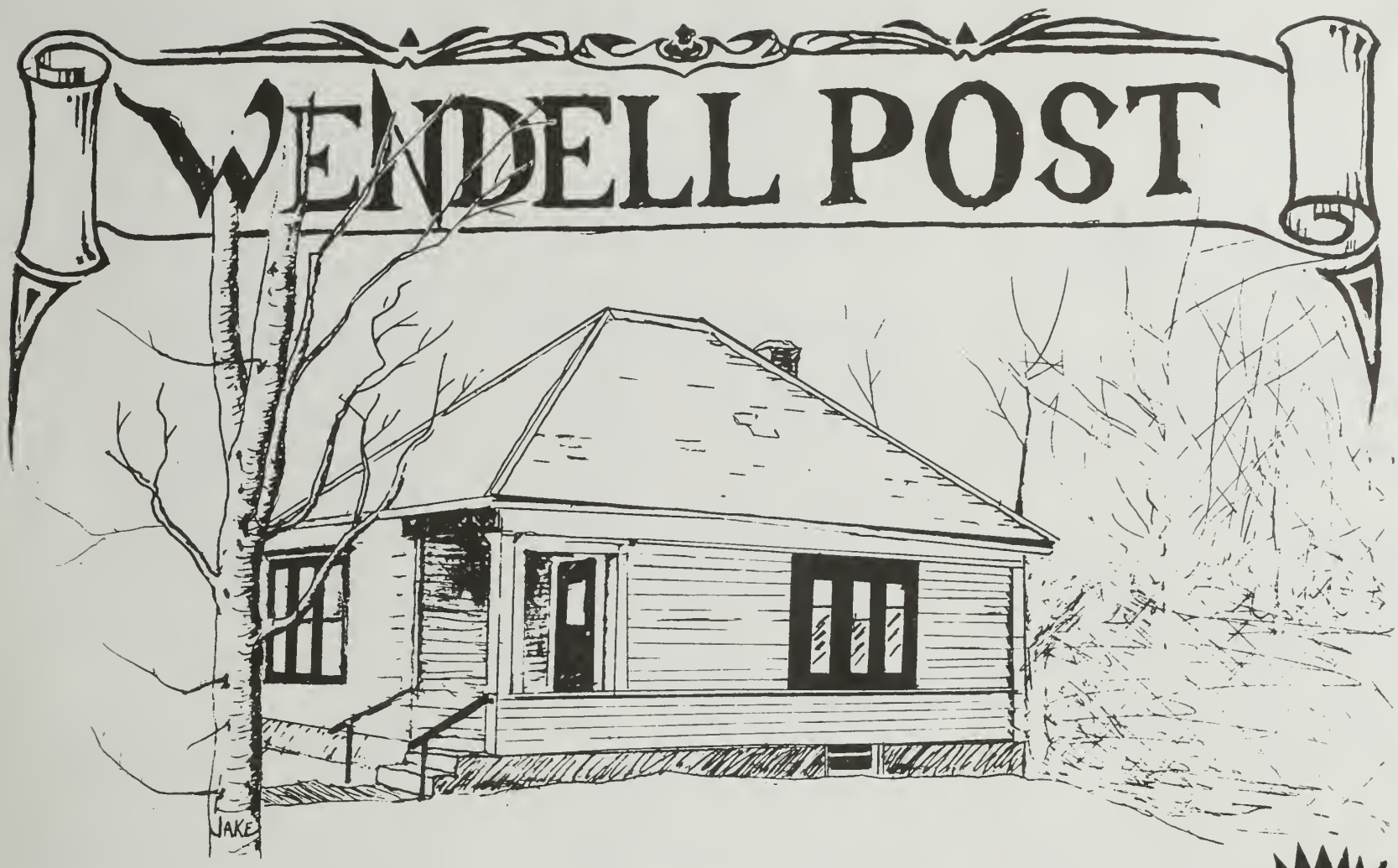

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FinCom struggles

The Wendell Finance Committee has begun consideration of next year's town budget, amidst increased requests from town departments that have endured frozen budgets for at least two years now, and a state budget that is still very much up in the air.

Not all requests are in yet, but many of those received are significantly higher than last year. Requests from Swift River School, the town Treasurer, the police department, and the town accountant are among those up more than 10%.

Since there is no indication that the town's revenues will be increasing next year, the town seems to be in that familiar pickle of turning down legitimate requests.

The Finance Committee has begun hearings with departments on the budget, and will continue budget considerations until the annual town meeting. We strongly urge any town citizens or departments who have budget concerns or ideas to attend any or all of our weekly meetings, on Tuesdays at 7:15 PM at the Town Office Building.

Submitted by Dan Keller

Williston resign fire posts

Harry Williston, better known to most of us as Will has resigned from the Wendell Fire Dept. as the Deputy Chief. Will says his intention is to keep the pager and attend fires when he is available. Will has been a member of the Wendell Fire Dept for over twenty-five years. Will was a teacher at the Center School which now holds the town offices and he would help out the department when he was at the school. After he moved to Wendell, Chief Myron Gibbs asked him if he would officially join the department, which he willingly did.

Will's wife, Delores joined the department about twenty years ago as a dispatcher. She too feels it is time to make a change and has resigned her post as dispatcher and forest warden.

There were many fires that I had attended over the years as a firefighter and the expertise, gentleness and caring that these two people have given both myself and the town will stay with me. I wish them both well and thank them for the memories.

Anne Diemand

Human Resources

Urgently Needed Now or Sooner

Assistant to the Town Clerk. Someone who would "intern" with Annie Hartjens to assist her with her work load and learn the job. The Town Clerk runs all elections and records Town meetings. She/he holds voter registration, keeps vital statistics, issues licenses, and researches town records. Contact Annie or the Selectboard.

Fire Department Dispatchers. Several people willing to learn to coordinate radio communications during a fire. Training will be provided. Contact Chief Everett Ricketts or the Selectboard.

Street Numbering Committee Members. Two or more people to join the committee numbering our streets in preparation for Emergency 911 Dispatch. Contact Peter Rooney or the Selectboard.

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Voting information

Nomination papers available at the Town Clerk's (Wendell Depot Store) after Febuary 3rd, 1993

Voter registration for WENDELL SPECIAL TOWN MEETING ends FEBUARY 20, 1993. This is the last day to register to vote and to change party enrollment for the Wendell Special Town Meeting.
Registration hours: 12 noon-8P.M., Saturday, Feb. 20, 1993

WENDELL SPECIAL TOWN MEETING March 2, 1993, 7P.M. at the Town Hall

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Last day to submit nomination papers; March 15, 1993

Last day to withdraw nomination papers; March 31, 1993

Voter Registration for the ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION ends APRIL 13, 1993
This is the last day to Register to Vote and to change party enrollment for the Wendell Annual Town Election.

Registration hours: 9A.M.-5P.M., Saturday, April 10, 1993

9A.M.-10P.M., Tuesday, April 13, 1993

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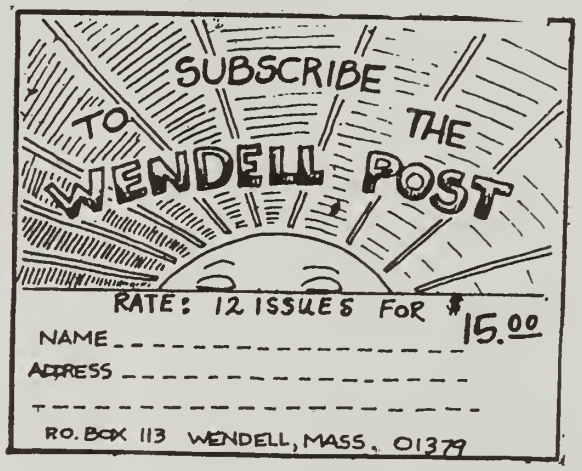

LETTERS

FROM THE RIGHT SIDE

The United States is truly the land of opportunity. Our Commander and Chief is thought to be, by some, as a draft dodger. Now he runs the military from a nice comfortable and safe chair in the White House.

His campaign promises were many. Lower taxes for the middle class, allowing the Haitians to bring thier boats here and circumvent INS quotas, and allow gays in the military. Something for everyone. And again the public went for it. Campaign promises are like a spring snow fall, when the sun comes out the snow melts.

Well now the tax cut for the middle class has changed to an energy tax. I am sure if there was a way to tax the sun, we would be paying a tax on solar energy also. How about a tax on trees for those of us who heat with wood.

The Haitians were building hundreds of boats for the big day when they would be welcomed with open arms. Not so. Another broken promise.

Allowing openly gay people in the military is the only campaign promise he is attempting to keep. It is obvious he has never been hit on by a gay. If gays only hit on gays, AH, not so as the (true) story below will tell, and if anyone thinks differently also beleives in the Easter Bunny.

I was nineteen years old, in a foreign country, and still wet behind the ears when I was hit on the first time. It was the dead of winter and I was assigned to the mess company as a radio operator. We had to move out first to set up at our new position. It was 3:00 a.m. and -20°. I was in the back of a 2-½ ton truck with some of the mess personnel when I felt a hand on my leg just above the knee and rubbing in an obscene way. I could not move and was scared silly. A voice said in a wisper to relax. He said he would let me use his sleeping bag if he could join me when the mess was set up. Not knowing how to get out of this situation, I agreed and took his sleeping bag to keep warm.

When we stopped, I told him I would be in a certain place by some small trees and left with his sleeping bag and he went about his business. I went to the small trees, sleeping bag and radio in tow, then crawled on my belly another 50 yards or so behind a jeep and got comfortable with my radio in his sleeping bag and proceeded to call in our position. When I was picked up by my sargent, I just left the sleeping bag by the jeep. I was a wreck for a month after, not knowing if he would come after me or not. If it were a combat situation, I don't think I could have functioned in a proper military fashion. If our Commander and Chief would have gone through that little ordeal, he would also renege on gays in the military.

Then President Bush said it nicely, If Clinton is elected, watch your pocketbook.

Ken Carville

Dear Ken,
You are shocked to have been "hit on" by a man? So this happened to you once? Ask your women friends how many times they have been "hit on" or forced by men. It's not gay men, its men.
Anne Diemand
Kathy Becker

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Election Preview

Time is here to plant early seeds and it is not too soon to think about Town Elections this spring. Wendell runs on the generous energy (pollution free!) of its citizens and needs the contributions of *everyone*. Please consider where your talents might best serve the town and then get involved. Urge your friends and neighbors to do the same!

The following positions will appear on the Annual Election ballot. Nomination papers are available from the Town Clerk at the Wendell Depot store. The last day to submit nomination papers is March 15, 1993.

Selectboard (1). Chief executive office of the town, responsible by law for carrying out the wishes of Town Meeting and providing administration for town departments. Has general supervision over all matters not assigned by statute to other town officers, makes appointments to certain town offices and boards, issues certain licenses and special permits. Term: three years.

Town Clerk (1). Runs all elections and records Town Meetings, holds voter registration, keeps vital statistics, issues certain licenses, and researches town records. Term: three years.

Tax Collector (1). Collects all taxes due, balances cash books for each levy year, records and transfers to Treasurer all monies received, initiates tax takings. (Computer and bookkeeping skills important). Term: three years.

Treasurer (1). Receives all monies paid to the town, acts as custodian of all funds, manages those funds, initiates authorized borrowing, issues all checks, reconciles cash accounts, keeps payroll records and all other financial records mandated by the State. (Computer and bookkeeping skills important). Term: three years.

Assessor (1). Responsible for the administration and technical work in appraising property for tax purposes and assessing taxes, determines the valuation of real and personal property for levying and abating local taxes. Computer skills helpful. Term: three years.

Moderator (1). Presides over and regulates all town meetings, decides all questions of order, recognizes those who wish to speak at meetings and removes disorderly persons, makes public declarations on all votes, may administer oath of office to town officers in open meeting. Term: one year.

Road Commissioner (1). Oversees the construction and maintenance of all town roads, employs--with the approval of the Selectboard--and supervises highway employees. Term: three years.

Planning Board (1). Administers the town's Zoning By-Laws including certain special permits. Will undertake the design of a Master Plan for the town influencing the town's future physical and economic development. Term: five years.

School Committee (1). Entrusted with broad powers to exercise control and supervision over local education. Formulates general policy, reviews and recommends on school budgets, and appoints certain school personnel. (Our town budget is largely "education-driven" and difficult questions of regionalization will be before the board in the future). Term: three years.

Board of Health (1). Has broad powers to protect public health in town, conducts "perc" tests, inspects and issues permits for new septic systems and dry wells, administers the WRATS, issues licenses for food permits. Will continue to work with the D.& B. Demolition Landfill and consider issues of regional trash disposal. Will supervise the capping of the town landfill. Term: three years.

Cemetery Commissioner . (1) Responsible for supervision, care and management of all public burial grounds in town include. Will be involved with the design, construction, and administration of the new cemetery on New Salem Road.

Tree Warden. (1) Has control of all public shade trees and shrubs in town including all cutting and planting, supervises and tree work done close to the roadside, and monitors the effects of insect pests on public trees. Term: one year.

Library Trustees (2). Oversees the operation of the Wendell Free Library, administers library funding from the state, local, and trust funds. Term: three years.

Constable (1). Posts town warrants, serves civil and criminal writs and processes, enforces Sunday observance laws, has the power of a sheriff in execution of their duties. Term: three years.

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Sprays on the Powerlines

Northeast Utilities has once again announced an upcoming season of power line maintenance by the use of herbicide spray. The sprays used are the same chemicals that evoked a vociferous protest in Wendell in 1981 and again in '86, so that the town passed no-chemical spray by-laws. It is irrelevant that the town by-laws were preempted by state and federal regulations. What matters is that a town sentiment is being disregarded and that there is no recourse for citizens unless they can afford to hire cutters or cut vegetation themselves. This current consideration is the main difference found in the utility report compared to the status of a decade ago. There now exists a preformulated contract one may sign which enables a land owner or abutter to absorb the financial responsibility for vegetation maintenance in lieu of chemical spray. There is no provision for contacting abutters who need to know about schedules, chemicals, options. The aged, infirm or those financially unable to afford line maintenance are not considered. The only option is one that will frustrate most municipalities because it is absolutely not feasible--towns may pay for citizens.

In the utility report, there is no mention of community resistance to spray techniques, as if such matters are not considered worthy of the time spent negotiating good neighborliness with abutters. In other regions of the country alternative methods of line control has been considered and implemented.

It should and must be proven that chemical mgt. is the least costly method. We should not be expected to accept this pronouncement as fact merely because we are told by the utilities that it is so. The hidden costs of chemical dependency are unaccounted for in their current plan and must be acknowledged. I refer to chemical pollution from drift, run off, ingestion by workers and residents, water contamination, related health factors and the incremental costs of continuous reliance upon a toxic methodology. Utility commitment to chemical defoliants precludes change to environmentally friendly techniques which if researched immediately, would save time and thus resources and money in the long run.

Implicit in my remarks is that public trust in the wisdom of the EPA (the federal agency that oversees chemicals) is lagging and that glib reassurances of chemical safety is falling on doubtful ears since the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, Rodenticide Act depends upon outdated research and outdated proof of safety for chemicals being used.

Please contact utilities, town and especially state officials and legislators, county commissioners and realize that procedures will not change unless you organize for that to occur.

Nina Keller
Wendell Hazardous Waste Coordinator

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Teacher contracts at issue

On February 4th, at the Wendell-New Sa- School Committee meeting, members were asked to address a letter written by the Swift River School teachers. The letter reads as follows...

Dear School Committee Members,

The purpose of this letter is to communicate the feelings and concerns of teachers of Swift River School.

We are the first ones to acknowledge that budget cuts have manifested in significant changes in the running of our school. We face daily challenges that include: lack of materials, deletion of Art and Music programs, coordinating sufficient meeting time with fellow staff members around curriculum and special needs.

In spite of these changes, we feel we have compensated for these deficiencies for a long time, specifically the last three years. Teachers continue to arrive at school early, leave late and come in weekends. We implement Restructuring our school. We wrote grants and added additional opportunities for our children in the areas of music, creative expression and after-school programs and activities. We expanded home-school connections. We work with the fledgling PTCA. Teachers continue to take courses to improve their work at their own expense.

We acknowledge that the needs of our children are paramount. Over the past three years we have been patient, energetic and innovative. Now it is time for our needs to be addressed. The three areas of most concern to us are:

1) salary step non-compliance
2) salaries in general
3) length of contract negotiations

1) The salary step system has been discontinued. Possibly unknown to the public and you, we have "lost" two salary steps and it seems highly unlikely they will ever be regained. This has never happened to any other school in our Union.

2) Our salaries are significantly lower than the schools in our Union and comparable schools in the area. We have had no change at all in our salary for the past two years. For example, a full-time teacher with a Masters degree and five years' experience is still earning $22,039, the same salary they earned two years ago. Teachers in other schools have received step increases as well as cost of living increases the past three years. We received a step increase only, three years ago.

3) Three years ago, with the recommendation of the Administration, the School Committee reneged on the second year of our two year agreement. This forced us to organize and form a collective bargaining unit to insure a legal contract that protects us. The negotiation process has been extremely slow and stalls with great regularity.

It is extremely important that negotiations be done in good faith. The format of the Superintendent's Proposed Budget has the collective bargaining monies listed as a separate line item. This makes line item elimination of these monies very visible and easy. Already, Town Committees suggested this elimination. We view this as a half-hearted attempt to provide funds for teacher salary increases.

Knowing that Budget discussions are underway, we would like to arrange a meeting with you soon. In order to allow you time for careful consideration of our concerns before Town Meetings, we urge you to meet with us Wednesday, February 10, from 1:15-3:30.

Sincerely,
Swift River Education Association
Jay Loubris, Secretary

The Committee met in executive session to discuss the letter. As of Feb. 5th. the Swift River Education Association has not received a response from the Committee.

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SCHOOL REGIONALIZATION

LUBINSKY COUNSELS PRUDENCE

Erving School Union #28 Superintendent Leonard J. Lubinsky advised Wendell Regional School District Planning Committee members to move cautiously when dealing with the issue of possible regionalization of local schools.

Noting that the issue has come up every few years since he assumed the Superintendent's position in 1974, Lubinsky pointed out that the question of regionalization has to be taken more seriously this time for two reasons.

"The Department of Education might mandate school regionalization by 1997. With financial incentives, regionalization might be the only means of securing new funds," he explained to the Wendell committee. "But we need to calculate all the numbers carefully and make an intelligent, informed decision," Lubinsky added.

The current system of organization for Union 28 includes school committees representing each of the five Union towns: Erving, Leverett, Shutesbury, New Salem and Wendell. Under regionalization, individual school committees would be dissolved, to be replaced by one joint school committee with local representatives. "With financial issues so compelling, we may have no choice in giving up current forms of administration," he said.

For the Swift River School, the issue of finances has had a marked effect on its operation in the last few years. The staff, which is the lowest paid in the Union, has suffered cuts including the elimination of art and music positions. Salaries have been frozen and classroom supplies have been reduced.

As a result of debate on education reform on Beacon Hill, all Union 28 towns were urged to form regional school district planning committees to study possible ramifications of pending legislation. The January 26th meeting was the first for the Wendell group.

"The towns may want to combine at some point," noted Lubinsky. "Their common interest might lead to doing something together."

The Wendell Regional School District Planning Committee will next meet on February 25th, 3:30PM at the Swift River School.

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ON THE PULSE OF MORNING

by Maya Angelou

A Rock, A River, A Tree
Hosts to species long since departed,
Marked the mastodon.
The dinosaur, who left dry tokens
Of their sojourn here
On our planet floor,
Any broad alarm of their hastening doom
Is lost in the gloom of dust and ages.

But today, the Rock cries out to us, clearly,
forcefully,
Come, you may stand upon my
Back and face your distant destiny,
But seek no haven in my shadow.
I will give you no hiding place down here.

You, created only a little lower than
The angels, have crouched too long in
The bruising darkness,
Have lain too long
Face down in ignorance.
Your mouths spilling words
Armed for slaughter.
The Rock cries out to us today,
you may stand upon me,
But do not hide your face.

The poet Maya Angelou

Across the wall of the world,
A River sings a beautiful song,
It says, come, rest here by my side.

Each of you a bordered country,
Delicate and strangely made, proud,
Yet thrusting perpetually under
siege.
Your armed struggles for profit
Have left collars of waste upon
My shore, currents of debris upon my breast.
Yet, today I call you to my riverside,
If you will study war no more. Come,
Clad in peace and I will sing the songs
The Creator gave to me when I and the
Tree and the Rock were one.
Before cynicism was a bloody sear across your
Brow and when you yet knew you still
Knew nothing.
The River sang and sings on.

There is a true yearning to respond to
The singing River and the wise Rock.
So say the Asian, the Hispanic, the Jew
The African, the Native American, the Sioux,
The Catholic, the Muslim, the French, the Greek
The Irish, the Rabbi, the Priest, the Sheikh,
The Gay, the Straight, the Preacher,
The privileged, the homeless, the Teacher.
They all hear
The speaking of the Tree.

They hear the first and last of every Tree
Speaks to humankind today. Come to me, here
beside the River.
Plant yourself beside the River.

Each of you, descendant of some passed
On traveller, has been paid for.
You, who gave me my first name, you
Pawnee, Apache, Seneca, you
Cherokee Nation, who rested with me, then
Forced on bloody feet, left me to the employment of
Other seekers— desperate for gain,
Starving for gold.
You, the Turk, the Arab, the Swede, the German,
the Eskimo, the Scot ...
You the Ashanti, the Yoruba, the Kru, bought
Sold, stolen, arriving on a nightmare
Praying for a dream.
Here, root yourselves beside me.
I am that Tree planted by the River,
Which will not be moved.
I, the Rock, I the River, I the Tree
I am yours — your Passages have been paid.
Lift up your faces, you have a piercing need
For this bright morning dawning for you.
History, despite its wrenching pain,
Cannot be unlived, and if faced
With courage, need not be lived again.

Lift up your eyes upon
This day breaking for you.
Give birth again
To the dream.

Women, children, men,
Take it into the palms of your hands.
Mold it into the shape of your most
Private need. Sculpt it into
The image of your most public self.
Lift up your hearts
Each new hour holds new chances
For new beginnings.
Do not be wedded forever
To fear, yoked eternally
To brutishness.

The horizon leans forward,
Offering you space to place new steps of change.
Here, on the pulse of this fine day
You may have the courage
To look up and out and upon me, the
Rock, the River, the Tree, your country.
No less to Midas than the mendicant.
No less to you now than the mastodon then.

Here on the pulse of this new day
You may have the grace to look up and out
And into your sister's eyes and into
Your brother's face, your country
And say simply
Very simply
With hope
Good morning.

"SHARED WEALTH 1992" by Bob Ellis. Bob says this picture tells the observer a great deal about his life, and the quality of his life.

New Town Assistant

Regina Curtis-Maynard loves being Wendell's new Administrative Assistant. She filled Kathleen Ramsay's position 2 months ago, and divides her time between Wendell and New Salem.

She told me that she was a bit overwhelmed at first, but is now finding it to be as great a job as she thought it would be. She said that people have been very accomodating and helpful. Ted Lewis took her on a 3-hour orientation tour in which he drove her around all the current roads in town. He told her of the town's history, pointed out landmarks and identified homes as they drove. She described this tour as a "real bridge to the community" and as "such a Ted thing to do."

Regina's experience includes long service in private non-profit human resources. she worked at Franklin Community Action corporation for 8 years, where she started a pilot program in 1985. She has a BS in Business Administration from North Adams State College

Adans State College. Regina is married to Mark Maynard. They have a 2-year old son, Eben, and they live in Northfield.

Regina works in Wendell all day on Tuesdays and Thursdays and on Friday afternoons in the Town offices. She works in New Salem on the other days.

-Linda Hickman

Well fund Update

I'm very pleased to be able to say that the well fund is now over $2,000. Our last fundraiser was the silent auction on baked goods held at the center post office. We raised $285. Thank you very much to the wonderful bakers and to the townspeople who participated in the auction. I know my sweet tooth was satisfied! For our next fundraiser we are doing another raffle, with the prizes of cash. Ted Lewis is heading up this one. Tickets will be $20. a ticket, 100 tickets being sold and $1,000. cash prizes being given out. I know it is a very expensive ticket to buy and what I'ld like to suggest to those that would like to join the excitement but can't afford $20., is to buy the ticket with a friend. When these tickets are sold we will have the money needed to do the actual drilling of the well, so it is a pretty neat place to be at. We will still need to continue to raise more money to get the water to the town hall but I just have to say how impressed I am that we have come this far in such a short amount of time.

There is talk of a pancake breakfast happening is late march at the town hall so keep you ears open for word of it.

Anyone wanting to help with the pancake breakfast or selling or buying raffle tickets please call Annie at 544-6111 or Ted at 544-3329.

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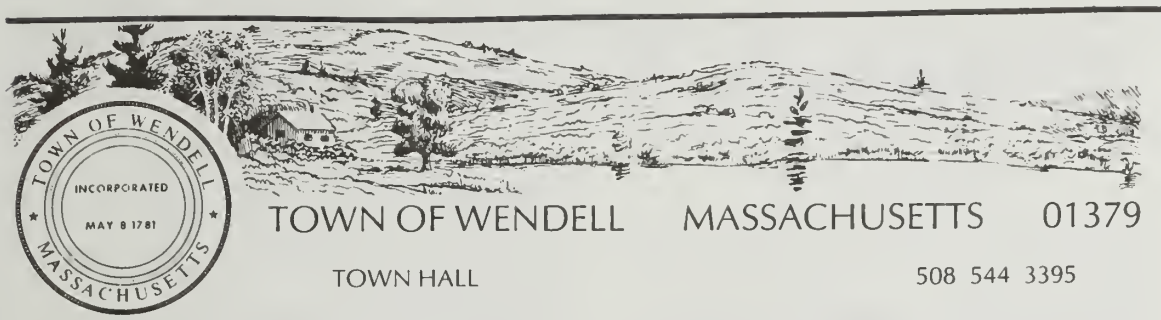

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Selectboard Minutes

Dec. 1, 1992/members present Anne Zak, Margo Culley, Ted Lewis.

Attorney Michael Pill attended the meeting as a reresentative of Janet Burstein, property owner, re: the sale of her property to Mount Grace Land Conservation Trust, Inc. This property will eventually be repurchased by the State of Massachusetts.

Matthew Chase has earned the title of Eagle Scout. The Selectboard will send a congratulatory letter

Anne Zak will meet with Bud Davis to discuss the Specifications for the remodeling of the Senior Center Judith Wilder gave a report on the computer demonstration given by Stephen Brown from Patriot Properties, Inc. on Tuesday December 1, 1992.

The Selectboard received a letter from Paul Rich re: his lawsuit against the Town of Wendell. Ted Lewis will consult with Mr. Gates, Town Counsel, about this matter.

Notices were sent to all abutters of the proposed pole placements on Kentfield Road.

Ted Lewis contacted Ed Boland with a request that he fix the printer head on the Town computer. Mr. Boland promised to do so on Dec. 5, 1992.

The Selectboard sent a request to Wendell Fire Chief, Eerett Ricketts, to meet with them to discuss matters concerning the Fire Department.
The meeting adjourned at 8:50p.m.

Wendell Selectboard Meeting
December 8, 1992 - Minutes
Meeting convened at 7:00 p.m./members present Margo Culley, Ted Lewis/minutes read and approved/correspondence reviewed.

The Board members signed the legal notices regarding dogs.

Board agreed to return Josh Dostis rental check as per his request.

Mr. Robert Bishop attended the meeting to discuss a computer system for the Town Tax Assessors. Also present were Jessie Wetherby, Judith Wilder and members of the Finance Committee. Mr. Bishop will send a completed contract for the perusal of all interested parties.

Jesse Wetherby submitted a copy of her letter to John Gates regarding the Paul Rich lawsuit.

The Finance Committee transferred $171.00 to pay the grease trap repair bill from Mr. Blackbird.
The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Wendell Selectboard Meeting
December 15, 1992
Meeting convened at 7:00p.m./members present Margo Culley, Ted Lewis/minutes read and approved/warrants signed/correspondence reviewed.

The Board reviewed the proposal from R. Bishop re: A computer system for the Wendell Tax Assessors' Office.

Mr.Lubinsky, Superintendent of Swift River School, requested the Towns of Wendelland New Salem share the responsibility of plowing the school's parking lot during the snow season.

Ted Lewis signed the FCRHA's request naming Regina Curtisas the Town's Environmental Certifying Officer.

Board members approved the request of the CPA firm to use the Selectboard's office to audit the books.

Board members approved Ms. Curtis' request to attend the Massachusetts Municipal Association Annual Meeting in January. Plans for the Senior Center rehab. arrived.
The meeting adjourned at 8:45p.m.
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Dec. 22, 1992 - Minutes
Meeting convened at 7:00 p.m./members present: Anne Zak, Margo Culley, Ted Lewis.

A Pole Hearing is scheduled for Jan. 12, 1993 for Montague Road. Regina, Wendell's Administrative Assistant , will notify all abutters.

Board members signed the Workers' Compensation Agreement.

Two bridges, one on Cooleyville Road and one on Jenison Road, were rated for three ton capacity. This rating will continue to prohibit the use of these bridges by school buses. The Board will inuire of engineering firms about the possibility of installing longitudinal planking to increase the capacity to the needed six ton for buses. In the interim the present capacity will be posted at each bridge.

Selectboard mmbers Margo Culley and Anne Zak will attend the K through 12 Regional Meeting on Jan. 14, 1993.

Regina Curtis reported to the Board on the contract renewal for D&B. Current information from the Town of Orange alludes to a possible increase in Wendell's tipping fee to .7488 a cubic yard.

Emergency dollars from the State due to the recent storm is still being considered for Franklin County according to Chris Woodstock, amember of Carmen Buell's staff. However, apositive otcome is doubtful.

Matt Stamell attended the meeting to discuss the Full Moon Coffee House parking problems. Although there have been no complaints this year, he mentioned the lack of signs (original signs were stolen), and the fact that attendence has declined recently.

The insurance company was notified of the recent accident at the Town Garage.
Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

December 29, 1992 - Minutes
Meeting convened at 7:00 p.m./members present: Margo Culley and Ted Lewis.

Board members reviewed the D&B original contract and compared it to the most recent one. Ted Lewis will contact Town Counsel, Mr. Gates, to request his in-put.

The Board also reviewed Roy Bishop's proposal for computerizing the Assessors' office including suggestions and comments by Judith Wilder, Town Treasurer.

Ted Lewis will notify Dan Bacigalupo to post the 3 ton weight capacity at the Cooleyville and Jenison Road Bridges.

The meeting was recessed at 8:15 p.m. and will reconvene on Sunday morning at 9:00 a.m. at which time the Selectboard will meet with the Wendell Police Department.

January 3, 1993 - Minutes
Contination of the Dec. 29, 1992 meeting - reconvened at 9:00 A.M. for the convenience of the Police Department.

A citizencomplaint regarding the towing of a car which the police deemed to be dangerously parked during a snowstorm was discussed. The citizen was forced to pay a state mandated towing charge of $50.00. Although Board members sympathized with the plight of the citizen, they supported the decision of the Police Department.

Parking at the Town Hall during the Full Moon Coffee House and other celebrations held on the common was discussed.

The police Department suggested one side of the road parking and at least a 20 foot no parking rule at the four corners in the center of Wendell.

The Selectboard commended the Police Force for holding quarterly meetings and urged them to continue this practice.
Meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

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Selectboard minutes continued...

Jan 5,1993 - Minutes
Meeting convened at 7:00 p.m./members present: Anne Zak, Margo Culley, Ted Lewis

Cover selection for the Wendell Annual Report - The Audabon Sanctuary, or a photo of the Fire Department tanker with the new dump truck facing it, or photos of the new cemetery were mentioned as possibilities by the Board.

Funds for the printing of the annual report will be requested at the next Special Town Meeting.

The Board received a letter from the Town of Leverett requesting level funding for the Union #28 Superintendent budget.

Regina Curtis researched the accessibility of office surplus equipment from the State surplus office. She and Ted Lewis will travel to the South Shore in the near future.

Regional Dispatch Center Update - The three possibilities are: The Quabin (which would include the coverage of eight towns), Franklin County, or the State Police.

A copy of the revised contract from Roy Bishop re: the computer system for the Town Assessors was received. It will be sent to John Gates, Town Counsel.

Anne Zak reported that Phil Delorey is woking on the Bid Specs for remodeling the Senior Center.

Ted Lewis reported the signs have been posted at the bridges stating 3 ton limits. Dufresne and Henry Engineering Co. has been contacted re: the cost of fixing the bridges to the 6 ton capacity needed for school buses. The Board is awaiting their response before taking any action.

The Board discussed the recent house fire in Wendell.
The meeting adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

January 12, 1993 - Minutes
Meeting convened at 7:00p.m./members present Margo Culley, Ted Lewis/minutes read and approved/warrants signed/correspondence reviewed.

New England Telephone Company representative attended the Pole Hearing for Montague Road.

Board members signed the EOCD Small Cities Contract.

The Board reviewed the Superintendent's proposed budget for FY'94 (Union #28).

Board members agreed upon March 2, 1993 as a date for the Special Town Meeting.

R. Bishop mailed his proposal update to the Selectboard; it has been forwarded to John Gates for review.

Board members asked Building Inspector, Phil Delorey, to review Town buildings as recommended by the American Disability Act.

Selectboard is still waiting for an update from Dufresne-Henry, Engineers, on Bridge Ratings.
Meeting adjourned at 8:35p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth Scully
Selectboard Clerk

POLICE

WENDELL POLICE LOG

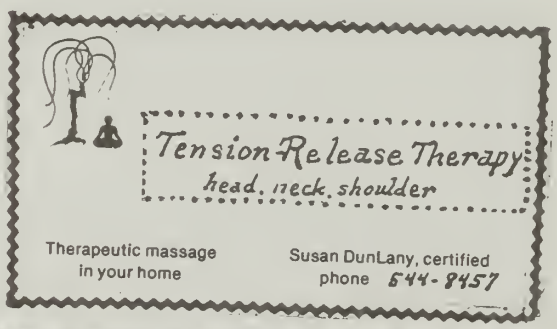
12/12 Two car accident on Montague Rd. No injuries.
12/18 Motor vehicle reported stolen from Maple Valley School. Recovered in Belchertown.
12/23 Perry Howarth reported chain saw stolen from Montague Rd.
12/29 Bob Ellis reported Univega 26" bicycle stolen.
1/3 A Depot resident reported a blue ford truck stolen. Recovered in Orange.
1/3 Maple Valley School reported a runaway.
1/3 Car broken into on Montague Rd. Pocketbook stolen.
1/14 Two car accident on Farley Rd. No injuries.
1/20 Two horses reported loose on Stone Rd.
1/22 One car accident on Montague Rd. No injuries.
1/23 One car accident on Depot Rd. No injuries.
1/25 B&E at Mark Branyan's on Farley Rd. Two gallons of pennies stolen.
1/28 Penny Priestly reported B&E to her residence. $300. taken.
2/6 One car accident at Wendell Depot. Two people taken to Franklin Medical Center.

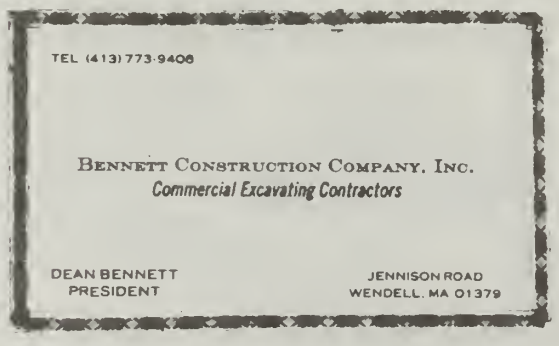
Unregistered motor vehicles

It is a violation of town laws to keep more than 2 unregistered vehicles per property in Wendell without a special permit. This bylaw was passed by Town Meeting on May 4, 1987. Anyone wishing to keep additional unregistered vehicles should apply to the Selectboard for a special permit.

Another option is to remove unwanted vehicles. Joe Diemand of Mormon Hollow Auto will remove unwanted vehicles free of charge. Cars must be accessible and their owners must have the proper paperwork. The vehicles should not be filled with trash. If interested, call Mormon Hollow Auto (544-7206). They will try to remove vehicles as quickly as possible.

-Linda Hick...





WENDELL PARKING RULES AND REGULATIONS

No parking within an intersection
No parking along paved roads within 4' of paved surface.
No parking along gravel roads within 12' of center of road.
No parking in front of any private road or driveway.
No parking upon any street or highway within 20' of intersecting way.
taken from Wendell's bylaws.

12/23/92	Auto accident on Montague Rd.
12/24/92	Lockes Village Rd. Chimney fire, Sundell reseidence.
12/30/92	New Salem Road, Copeland residence, house fire.
1/30/93	Mutual aid, Erving, house fire.
2/1/93	Lockes Village Road, Sauvageau residence, chimney fire.

FIRE PREVETION TIP

Change your smoke detector batteries the same time every year and write the date directly on the detector to remember.

BRUSH BURNING PERMIT INFORMATION

JAN 15 - MAY 1
10A - 4P

The dates for brush burning permits are January 15 to May 1st. The hours are 10 am - 4 pm.

If you wish to burn **brush only** during this time, please call between the hours of 9 am - 10 am on the day you want to obtain permission. Call the Forest Wardens in the order given:

Penny Priestley	544-2736
Ted Lewis	544-3329
Anne Diemand	544-3806
Everett Ricketts	544-3494
China Huslander	544-3494

WENDELL POST

SCOUTING NEWS

Matthew D. Chase of New Salem Rd. has earned the highest advancement award the Boy Scouts of America offers to Scouts, the National Eagle Award. Chase was recently recognized in a National Eagle Court of Honor at St. Mary's Parish Hall in Orange.

Chase is the son of Ed and Mandy Chase of Wendell. He is the grandson of Mary McGuirk and the late Vernon McGuirk of Orange and Jane King of Taos, NM. He is the great nephew of Mabel Glasson of Orange.

A member of Scoutmaster Jay Blackbird's Troop 344 of Wendell/New Salem in the Great Trails Council, he is one of approximately 2% of all Boy Scouts who attain the Eagle Rank.

Chase earned 10 skill awards in addition to 25 merit badges. He completed a service project which consisted of refurbishing and painting the historical fence at the Wendell Center Cemetery. He planned the project with the Wendell Cemetery Commissioners and supervised other scouts and volunteers to carry out the project.

He has served in the leadership positions of Assistant Patrol Leader, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, Junior Assistant Scoutmaster, Patrol Leader, Quartermaster, Scribe, and Senior Patrol Leader. He currently serves the Troop as an Assistant Scoutmaster.

Chase completed the Boy Scouts of America winter camping training session, "Operation Zero," and is a member of the Order of the Arrow. He is a member of St. Mary's Parish where he served as an altar boy for 8 years. He is a certified scuba diver.

He is a 1992 graduate of Mahar Regional School. At Mahar he was a member of the varsity football team and the track team. Chase currently specializes in making hand forged knives.

Chase has enlisted in the US Marine Corp. and will begin serving in 1993.

Cultural Council FY 93 Programs (formerly Arts Lottery)

At a meeting on November 2, 1992 the Wendell Arts Lottery Council voted to change its name to the Wendell Cultural Council (WCC).

The Council is now sponsored by a new state agency, the Massachusetts Cultural Council (MCC) which promotes a broader range of projects for which council funds can be used. The MCC was established in January, 1990 through the merger of the Mass. Arts Lottery Council and the Mass. Council on the Arts and Humanities.

In January, 1992 the MCC declared its mission is to promote excellence, access, education and diversity in the arts, humanities and interpretive sciences in order to improve the quality of life for all Massachusetts residents and to contribute to the economic vitality of our communities.

Local Arts Lottery Councils have been encouraged by the MCC to change their names. Each local council will continue to shape its own funding policies and priorities based on the unique needs of the community.

For FY93 Cultural Council (CC) funding cycle, the Wendell Cultural Council received one Performing Arts Student Series (PASS) grant application and eleven CC grant applications. At the November 2nd meeting, the council reviewed these applications and then made the decision to give local preliminary approval to the PASS application and to seven of the CC applications. Final approval is expected from MCC in March.

FIRE DESTROYS WENDELL HOME

On Wednesday, December 30th, fire gutted Karen Copeland's seven-room home on New Salem Road, leaving her homeless.

Wendell firefighters found the house engulfed in flames when they arrived at 11:30 pm, said Fire Chief Everett Ricketts. The home is about one mile from Wendell Depot Road. Although still standing, the house's interior was destroyed, Ricketts said.

Copeland lived alone. She had been asleep in the living room and woke up seeing flames in the hallway. She stayed with friends for the night.

Ricketts said it has not been established how the fire started, but he did say it was not near any stove. Although still standing, the house's interior was destroyed. Copeland did have insurance, he added.

Five trucks and 18 to 20 firefighters responded from Wendell, Orange and Erving with the New Salem department standing by at the Wendell station.

Falling wood injured the shoulder of Orange firefighter Nelson Cloukey as he worked near the eaves of the burning house.

WOMEN'S SUPPORT GROUP forming in Wendell.....

Women are gathering to share common concerns, needs, joys and information.....
If you have no pressing "problems", perhaps you can offer encouragement and help to someone else.

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For more information please contact Nancy (544.2533) or Rosalie (544.6850).....

Art Classes

Leverett Crafts and Arts Center is now offering continuous art classes on a drop-in basis for children and adults days and evenings. Jewelry/silvercraft, pottery, painting, photography and other art lessons are available at your convenience by appointment or in scheduled classes.

Please call Bill Rathbun at the Art Center, 413-548-9070 for details and other arrangements.

Eastman earns Eagle Award

Matt J. Eastman, of 220 Neilson Rd., New Salem, has earned the highest advancement award the Boy Scouts of America offers to Scouts, the Eagle Award. Eastman was recently recognized in an Eagle Court of Honor at the North Congregational Church of New Salem.

Eastman is the son of Miles E. and Debra Eastman of New Salem. Eastman is the grandson of Ronald and Evelyn Hurlburt of Orange, and the late Miles T. and Jennette (Grant) Eastman. He is the great-grandson of Hazel Alden of Athol and Albert Alden, Sr. of Warwick.

He joined Cub Scouts in 1983 and earned Cub Scout's highest award, the Arrow of Light, in 1986. Eastman became a registered Boy Scout in 1986 as a member of Scoutmaster Jay Blackbird's Troop 344 of New Salem/Wendell in the Great Trails Council. He is one of approximately 2% of all Boy Scouts who attain the Eagle Rank.

Eastman earned all 12 Skill Awards in addition to the 21 required merit badges. He successfully completed a service project repairing and repainting the picket fence of the North New Salem Cemetery. Along with working himself, Eastman planned the project and supervised other scouts in carrying out the work.

While a scout, Eastman participated in bowl-a-thons, camporees, Klondike Derbies and attended summer camp. He also attended the Prevention One Drug and Alcohol Abuse Awareness training program. He has served in the leadership positions of Patrol Leader, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, Librarian, Troop Guide, and Instructor.

Eastman served as a teen delegate for his church, the North Congregational Church of New Salem at the annual Conservative Congregational Christian Conference in 1990.

Eastman is currently a member of the junior class at the Franklin County Technical School in Turners Falls where he is majoring in carpentry. He has been a member of the Honor Roll and is a member of the Senior National Honor Society.

Eastman has been employed for the past five summers by the Independent Contracting Company as a carpenter. His ambition is to become certified in carpentry and own a knickknack shop.

LAND TRANSFERS

Susan Gauvin to Joseph Branzetti and Nicholas D. DiNapale, trustees of Elkhorn Realty Trust, Kentfield Mill Lot, land and buildings, 12.75 acres. Oct. 1, 1992

Elizabeth Crawford to John M. Davis, New Salem Rod., 13.364 acres, $15,000. Oct. 9, 1992.

Thomas and Gail Bardsley to Heritage Bank, Locke Hill Rd., 1.8 acres, $1,000. Oct. 13, '92.

Donald Ellis to Mass. Audubon Society, New Salem Rd., 47 acres, $66,000. Oct. 16, 1992.

BERTHA W. LOWELL

Bertha W. Lowell, 73, of Davis Rd., died Thursday, Nov. 12, 1992 in Franklin Medical Center.

She was born in Starksboro, VT on Nov. 10, 1919, and attended Starksboro schools. Before moving to Wendell in 1968, she had been a resident of Greenfield for several years.

She was a housekeeper at Franklin Nursing and Rehabilitation Center for several years before retiring in 1986.

Her husband, Robert T. Lowell, Sr., died Oct. 30, 1983.

Survivors include a son, Robert T. Lowell, Jr., of Wendell; three daughters Lois Crafts and Esther Phillips, both of Greenfield, and Roberta Crafts of Buckland; two sisters, Rosina Cardinal of Pinehurst, NY and Melvina Bernardie of Randolph; 23 grandchildren; 16 great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

A son, Raymond G. Lowell died Aug. 9, 1985. A daughter, Rita Gould, died in 1978.

Library News

In preparation for reinvigorating the children's collection we are weeding a backlog of dated materials from the "kids area". The upcoming changes are due to a $2,000 grant entitled: "Rejuvinating The JUVENILE NON-FICTION COLLECTION (Federally funded by L.S.C.A. and administered by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners). The grant monies will purchase a 1993 edition of WORLD BOOK ENCYCLOPEDIA as well as 150-200 additional non-fiction items. We hope to have almost all of the new materials on the library shelves by the middle of May. The majority of the items will be books although some educational AUDIO TAPES and VIDEOS will be purchased.

The age range targeted by the grant is pre-kindergarten through 9th grade as high school-aged youths are capable of utilizing the adult non-fiction collection. We hope to create an inviting-to-look-at, fun-to-use resource to match the personal interests and hobbies of Wendell youngsters as well as support them in school assignments.

The Friends of the Wendell Free Library will hold a sale of children's books on March 6th from 9:30 to noon in the Library's newly completed basement. Sale items will include Picture Books, Easy Readers, chapter books, juvenile non-fiction materials as well as some adult fiction: all at Bargain Basement prices.

New Titles

Adult NON-FICTION

1) Four-Season Harvest: Eliot Coleman

2) A Return to Love: Reflections on the principles of A Course in Miracles: Marianne Williamson

3) Lakota Woman; Mary Crow Dog

4) Bird House Feeders You Can Make; Hi Sibley

5) The Silent Passage, Menopause; Gail Sheehy

6) Catholic Girls, Stories, Poems, and Memories: Ed. A. Coverdale Summerall

7) Women Who Run With The Wolves; Estes

Adult Fiction

1) The Chosen Place.The Timeless People; Paule Marshall

2) The Eye of the Needle; Ken Follett

3) Crystal Line; Ann Mc Caffry

Rosie Heidkamp

Posting Place

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WENDELL LITTER PICK UP DAY

May 1, 1993 is the day for Wendell litter pick up this year. This is the day that interested parties get together at the center of town and decide what roads we are going to pick up the litter on. We generally decide to do the main roads and maybe do a side road or two. The brownies in town have helped for several years now along with the boy scouts and many families. It is a fun way to spend two hours on a nice (hopefully) spring day. So please join us for our twelfth year at making our town a little more enjoyable to pass through.

Bring plastic trash bags, gloves, pick up trucks, friends. We always wind up back at the center to enjoy some refreshments and talk trash!!

For more info call Annie at 544-6111.

WENDELL OLD HOME DAY

It's time once again, folks. That wonderfull time of the year we gather around the woodstove and make our plans for this years old home day. It will once again be on the second saturday in july which is July 10, 1993. Our first planning meeting is on Febuary 24, 6:30 pm at Kim Noyes's house on New Salem Rd. Any one having plans, ideas, energy and time is very, very welcome. It is a small group of people that make OHD happen and we want very much to make it a larger group. We generally have about five meetings to plan and critique the day, so the commitment does not have to be a large one. Anyone having ideas and cannot come to the meetings, we would also like to hear from you too. So friends, neighbors and all the post readers put the 10th of July on your calendars and continue to dream of a great summer day on the common. For more information call Kim at 544-2913, Annie at 544-6111 or Lisa at 544-3970.

The Wendell Free Box needs regular reorganization due to heavy traffic, and here's Dor, digging right into the task!

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New $$ for remodeling

In mid February the Federal National Mortgage Association (Fannie Mae) is scheduled to announce the details of a $500 million remodeling-loan pilot program. This money will enable homeowners to borrow funds for the work against the value of the as-yet-unbuilt home improvement. these funds will be available through as many as two dozen lenders throughout the nation.

The benefits to borrowers include relatively low interest rates, increased borrowing power and built-in consumer protection measures.

With the exception of the limited 203(K) loan program, homeowners generally cannot borrow against the anticipated equity that a remodeling project will add to their home's value. The Fannie Mae program increases the borrowing power to the "as-completed" value of the project, based on an appraisal of the architectural plans.

Borrowers must undergo face-to-face counseling with the lender to cover areas such as contractor selection and the intricacies of renovation financing.

The loan will be dispersed in intervals similar to a construction loan, with each stage inspected by the lender. The final payment will not be made until a title search shows the property is free of any claims made by subcontractors.

I will try to provide additional information on this topic in the next issue.

FLOYD BORAKOVE
SUNWRIGHT CONSTRUCTION

Average Project Cost vs. Resale Value

Project	Average Remodeling Cost	Average Resale Value/ Percentage	
Major kitchen remodel	$20,906	$20,584	98%
Minor kitchen remodel	8,320	8,345	100%
Family room addition	30,303	26,521	88%
Bath remodel	7,574	6,677	88%
Bath addition	10,867	10,663	98%
Master bedroom suite	21,680	19,155	88%
Sun room addition	15,560	12,297	79%
Replace windows	6,844	5,003	73%
Replace siding	7,816	5,499	70%
Deck addition	5,168	4,340	84%
Attic bedroom	20,579	17,084	83%

Source: Remodeling *Magazine's 1990 Cost v. Value report*

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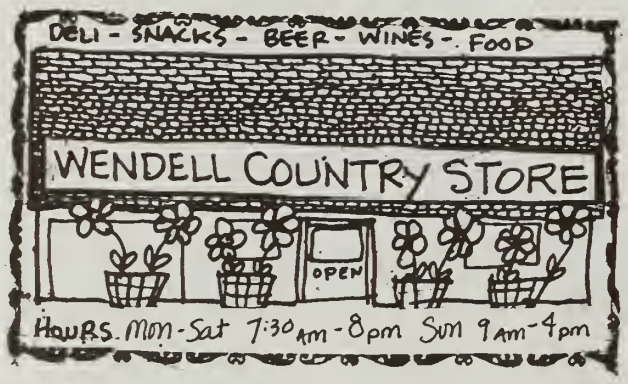

New building contractor law

This law was effective as of 7/1/92 and was designed to protect homeowners from irresponsible remodeling contractors. This law provides that contractors or subcontractors who work on existing one to four-unit owner occupied residential buildings must register with the State of Massachusetts. Exempt from registering are workers who work for contractors or subcontractors for a wage; all licensed professionals or tradespeople who take an exam as a condition of their licensure, when they are working within the scope of their license, such as architects, electricians, plumbers (except construction supervisors); persons who perform work on any single job costing $1000 or under; part time contractors or subcontractors whose gross revenue was less than $5000 in the previous 12 months; persons who install central heating, A/C systems, energy conservation devices, provide conservation services on behalf of a public utility, landscaping, interior painting, paper hanging, finish floor covering, tile, fencing, freestanding masonry walls, above ground swimming pools, shutters, awnings, patios, driveways.

All agreements with owners for work costing over $1000 must have a written contract. This contract must contain certain provisions detailed by the State.

The contractor must register, pay a registration fee and make a one-time contribution to a Guarantee Fund.

The homeowner whose contractor violates any provisions of the law may receive payment for some or all of their damages from this guarantee fund. The responsible contractor must repay the fund for these payments under penalty of law.

The law provides that contractors/subcontractors cannot act as mortgage brokers or represent lenders. Building permits, should clearly state that persons contracting with unregistered contractors do not have access to the guarantee fund. Building permits, contracts, and advertising for residential contracting must contain the registration number of the contractor. Provisions can be made in the contract for contractors to use alternative dispute resolution through any approved private arbitration service.

The homeowner must have a court or arbitrator judgement and have made diligent efforts to collect damages before he/she can make a claim against the guarantee fund. The maximum award from the fund is actual damages or $10,000 for any one job (whichever is less).

Anyone needing additional information can call (617) 727-8598.
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United States Postal Service

Not all kings live in castles. The king, of rock and roll, Elvis Presley is pictured on what may become the most popular stamp ever printed. In fact, the Postal Service has printed 500 million stamps, nearly double its usual printing to meet the demand. It is significant to note that this stamp is the first design ever to be chosen by popular vote. Last year, over one million people mailed in postcards to postal headquarters to express their preference for this likeness.

Each year, the month of February is designated as Black History Month. To honor the occasion, the Postal Service has issued a special commorative stamp depicting a research chemist, Percy Lavon Julian. This is the 16th issue in the Black Heritage Series. If you are interested in a beautiful collection of stamps from this series, you will appreciate our I Have A Dream album on sale at $16.95.

Finally, in response to your requests to me at the monthly Coffee Hours, the Postal Service has provided for your convenience a new photocopy machine. The cost is 25¢ per copy.

Charlie
Charles O'Dowd
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The Nature of Wendell

The extensive forested land of Wendell is home to two fascinating birds, the Great horned and Barred owls. In late winter and early spring they begin their mating season and an evening walk can reveal their presence. There are few sounds in nature that have evoked such powerful feelings in humans than the hooting of an owl. For thousands of years the owls' human-like eyes, strange hoots and screams and nighttime habits have resulted in them being associated with everything from evil and death to wisdom and good luck.

In Wendell the Great horned owl calls regularly in January to establish its territory. Its five note series of deep hoots is perhaps the most typical call people associate with owls. The Great horned lays its eggs in February and incubates them during the coldest weather of the year. This strange habit turns out to be a benefit, since it is thought the eggs hatch at the same time of year when skunks, a favored food of the owl, are most active. The Great horned has no sense of smell so the skunk's major defense is useless.

The Barred owl is a relative of the famed Spotted owl of the northwest and like its cousin it favors mature forest where it can find large dead trees for nesting sites. Fortunately Wendell has plenty of mature forest and I hear Barred owls frequently in many locations in town. They begin nesting in March and their call is higher pitched than the Great horned's and has been put to the words, "Who cooks for you, who cooks for you all". The Barred owl also makes a variety of screaming calls which are most likely responsible for the linking of owls to evil.

The eyesight and hearing of owls are well adapted to hunting at night. The eyes are so large there is little room left in the skull for muscles to move them so they are fixed in their sockets. Extra vertebrae in their necks allow them to turn their head 270 degrees. Although the owl's eyesight is reported to be 50 times better than ours it is their hearing that is believed to be the key to their success. Owls placed in total darkness were still able to catch moving prey using only their ears. It is believed they can "time" the sound as it is received by their two ears and therefore precisely locate it.

One night while camped on our land in Wendell I awoke to the most terrifying screams and screeches I had ever heard an animal make. Deep down I knew it was most likely owl calls but the tingling in my spine was a humble reminder that even with all our scientific knowledge this mysterious and eerie call in the dark evoked a strong feeling of fear and vulnerability.

Bill Lafley

FIRE !

The old house on New Salem Road burned just before the New Year, leaving its final owner, Karen Copeland, with little more than memories. She had just finished some remodeling projects inside. With the projects done, Karen spent that last evening admiring the place, thinking "Isn't it beautiful!" She dozed off contentedly, only to be roused by roaring huge flames. Karen was burned on her face and hands as she just managed to escape with her dog. The cat was not so lucky.

Many had lived, died, and been sheltered by that old Cape Cod house. It stood during the Indian raids, remembered more vividly in towns like Old Deerfield. Wendell must have had its worries, because there was a secret room built around the central chimney for hiding. An old musketball was found in that space recently. The house was well over two hundred years old, but the cellar hole was older. A cabin had been built on the site first. Imagine the marriages, babies, and stories that have gone on in a house like that? During the small pox epidemic for which Small Pox Cemetery Road is named, several members of a family died and were carried out of the house.

Since the late 1960's, the house was known as The Purple House, for its "fashionable" hue. Old timers called it the Daniels Place. Luther Daniels lived there during the 1920s and 1930s. Daniels came to Wendell from New York city after receiving a grievous injury. He did not expect to live long, so he came to the country for peace. He ended up living here a long time. His daughter is Barbara Kavolius, who was once our Town Treasurer. She now lives in Orange. Luther Daniels' grandson, Al Miller, still lives on a piece of the old homestead which used to extend to both sides of the road. Al Miller grew up in the old house. He recalls that "It always has been a nice place, peaceful.

The writer of this piece agrees, having been married in the garden. A friend gave as a present a large beautiful stained glass window of sea greens and blues, a chambered nautilus pattern that gleamed colors from an inside door.

All gone.

Those who have loved the house have much to remember. It is Karen who is left with the reality of something beautiful gone ugly. She is having problems with insurance, but she is feeling fortunate to be alive and living in a community of friends like Wendell. Friends have taken her in and some funds have been raised in her behalf.

Kathy Becker

Land Transfers

Elizabeth Crawford to John M. Davis, New Salem Rd., 13.364 acres, $15,000. Oct. 9, 1992

Susan Gauvin to Joseph Branzetti and Nicholas D. DiNapale, trustees of Elkhorn Realty Trust, Kentfield Mill Lot, land and buildings, 12.750 acres Oct. 1, 1992

Thomas and Gail Bardsley to Heritage Bank, Locke Hill Rd., 1.8 acres, $1000., Oct. 13, 1992

Donald Ellis to Mass. Audubon Society, New Salem Rd., 47 acres, $66,000., Oct. 16, 1992

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Snow!

YESTERDAY IT SNOWED
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THEN MY BEST FRIEND TOLD ME
SHE TRIED TO HOLD ME
BECAUSE SHE WAS SO EXCITED

by Kelly Simon & Tessa Diemand

..Happy Birthday "Good Neighbors"!..

On January 23rd the Town Hall was hopping as neighbors got together to party!!

The festivities began with a super performance by the **State of Being Dancers** followed by a sing-along. **Carrots the Clown** delighted the kid in all of us, and **Sally Muffin Stuffin** captivated the crowd with her story telling. The **Stevie Sunshine Band** had everybody up dancing and shaking off the winter blues. The evening wound down with ♥♪ **Heartsong** sharing a few of his original, inspiring tunes and ended with a circle. A great party with food for the body and soul! **Thanks...** everyone.!!

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Cultural Council

Cultural Council FY'93 Program
(Former Arts Lottery)

At a meeting on November 2, 1992 the Wendell Arts Lottery Council (WALC) voted to change its name to the Wendell Cultural Council (WCC).

The council is now sponsored by a new state agency, the Massachusetts Cultural Council(MCC) which promotes a broader range of projects for which council funds can be used. The MCC was established in January 1990 with the merger of the Mass. Arts Lottery Council and the Mass. Council on the Arts and Humanities.

In January 1992 the MCC declared its mission is to promote excellence, access, education and diversity in the arts, humanities and interpretive sciences in order to improve the quality of life for all Massachusetts residents and to contribute to the economic vitality of our communities.

Local ALC's have been encouraged by the MCC to change their names. Each council will continue to shape its own funding policies and priorities based on the unique needs of the community.

For the Fiscal year 1993 CC funding cycle, the WCC received one Performing Arts Student Series(PASS) grant application and 11 Cultural Council(CC) grant applications. At the November 2nd meeting, the council reviewed the applications and gave local preliminary approval to the PASS application and to seven of the CC applications. Final approval is expected from MCC this March.

The artists, the amount of their expected grants and programs are listed below:

- The Swift River School, PASS grant $411, performance at Shea Theater, "Native American Celebration" by Theaterworks/USA, 10/26/92, for benefit of 87 students

The 7 CC Grants:

- Kerry Verney, Wendell Artist, $300, partial funding, ten childrens workshops at SRS to Make Clay Animal Pots, 10-15 students per workshop, Spring 1993. to benefit 100-150 students
- R.C. Mahar Regional School, 2 grants, partial funding, $200 for Boston Art Museum Trip to benefit 39 students. $400(partial funding) "Shakespeare Production", a morning workshop and afternoon play by Shakespeare & Co. in March or April, to benefit 450 students.
- Rochelle Wildfong, Storyteller, $400 "Everybody's A Storyteller" day-long Sat. workshop for adults and teens, date and place in Wendell TBA. In conjunction with the Wendell Free Library.
- Yankee Notions, performers Jim Douglas & Tim Van Egmond, $475, "A Concert of New England Folk Music", a family concert, Summer 1993 in Wendell, date and place TBA.
- 1794 Meetinghouse, Inc. $250 (partial funding)," Steven S. Schoenberg in Concert"(piano), Spring 1993 in New Salem
- The Orange Arts Lottery Council $200(partial funding) for a 1 year production of "Slated:" magazine, a free quarterly guide to the arts and cultural events in the 9 town No. Quabbin Region.

~This month's cover art by:~
JAKE GRATON

The Wendell Art Dept

Jake's Studio in the old Wendell Fire House is going great guns. Jake has been giving art classes for the last six months and has told us business is great.

He offers art classes to anyone in the community with a strong desire to draw. Free! People of all ages, gender or planet of origin are welcome.

The artist also offers space in the bay area of the studio, for creative endeavors in need of space.

For more information contact Jake at the Wendell Art Dept or call 544-6478.

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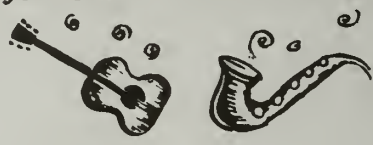
UPCOMING EVENTS

March 6
Boys of the Landfill
Salamander Crossing
(Benefits Wendell Arts Council)
April 3
Gideon Freudmann
(Benefits Swift River PCTA)
May 8
Quetzal
(Benefits Swift River Pre-School)
June 5
John Sheldon and Blue Streak



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